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Trade Lead: Airfield Pavements in United Kingdom

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The European Union Commission recently published a notice of an
invitation to tender for a public works contract from Sutton Coldfield,
United Kingdom, for the following:

o Reference DE12/5057.
Design development and construction of the works comprising: the
restoration, upgrade and widening of airfield pavements which are able
to support operations by military and civilian aircraft to the minimum
pavement classification numbers (PCN) of: runway ends: PCN 50,
PCN 50, ASPs north civil and military: PCN 50, ASP southern military:
PCN 45, gates 1, 4 and 5: PCN 50, gates 2, 3 and 6: minimum of as
existing, the installation of aeronautical ground lighting (AGL) and
associated operating equipment where taxiways and gates are widened,
provision of an effective airport drainage system that minimizes
siltation, prevents flooding/ponding on the airfield during periods of
heavy rainfall and prevents reverse flow from the sea outfalls, the
provision of hydrocarbon pollution control measures within the drainage
system which meet the EEC discharge standards, the provision of a fire
main and associated hydrants to enhance the fire-fighting capability
across the entire airfield in compliance with MOD and CAA criteria. The
works are within aircraft operational areas and spread across the
airfield. The airfield is to remain operational throughout the duration
of the construction period and all the operational services are to be
maintained.

Time limits for completion or duration of the contract, for starting
works: Completion by October, 2001. Contract period of approximately 12

months plus a minimum maintenance period of 12 months.

Legal form in case of group bidders: In the event of a joint venture or consortium submitting an acceptable offer it will be necessary for each member of that joint venture or consortium to sign an undertaking that each such member will be jointly and severally responsible for the due performance of the contract.

Qualifications: Firms should either: be registered with

- UK Register of Qualified Construction Services (based upon the former Department of Environment Transport and Regions New Qualification
- DETR NQS), in which case only details of registration number and notation levels need be supplied. A minimum notation of 8 000 000 GBP a relevant category is required, be registered on an official list maintained by another Member State, in which case they should submit a certificate of registration issued by the competent authority. This certificate should state the references which enabled them to be registered on the list and the classification given, or provide the following information: a statement of the firm's overall turnover and the turnover on construction works for the previous 3 financial years, statement of the firm's average annual manpower and the number of managerial staff for the past 3 years.

Award criteria: The award will be made on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender and the award criteria, in descending order of importance, are technical compliance and best value for money.

Other information: Potential tenderers wishing to register an interest in the project should provide the following information to the Project Manager at the address in 1, response shall be restricted to a maximum of 10 sides of A4 type (main text - excluding CVs and certificates). Failure to submit the requested information may result in the application not being considered further: details of quality-assurance registration (together with registration certificates and appendices, appropriate). Companies should be registered to BS/EN/ISO 9001:1994 or equivalent. Firms that do not have an in-house design capability will be expected to engage a professional design organization registered to BS/EN/ISO 9001:1994 (or equivalent). Details of any AGL and M&E subcontractor QA monitoring systems should also be provided, the educational and professional qualifications of the contractor's managerial staff, in particular those of the person or persons responsible for managing the works, with details of their relevant experience. A curriculum vitae of the proposed construction manager be appended, the educational and professional qualifications of the contractor's key design staff, in particular those who will be responsible for the development of design for airfield pavements, AGL,

drainage and fire main together with details of their relevant experience. Curriculum vitae of the key design team members must be appended, project title, nature, value, dates, duration and client details for the 5 most relevant contracts of similar nature and complexity undertaken within the past 10 years for which the contractor has been the main contractor. Preference will be given to firms with previous experience of work on an operational airfield, a copy of the company health and safety policy statement and a copy of the index of the health and safety manual. A statement demonstrating applicant's knowledge, understanding and proposed application of CDM Regulations 1994, details of the company's statistical record on safety over the past 3 years, which shall include the number of incidences per 1 000 employees (inclusive of payroll employees, self-employed persons and subcontractors). The total number of major injuries and other incidents shall also be provided, a prequalifying questionnaire may be sent out to registering firms.

Interested U.S. firms are encouraged to contact the awarding authority, listed below, in English:

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